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## ABOUT ROADS

To the Honorable County Court, Road Commissioner or any one who can tell us intelligently:— We as a taxpayer of Edray District would like to know why Mr Doyle or Mr J. B. Rhea, of Linwood, either, on bids of one hundred and ten and one hundred and forty dollars respectively, was not awarded the contract of keeping the road, not only up but improving it, over the present contractor at one hundred and seventy dollars. Both honest, efficient men, known to the people, especially Mr Rhea, who is known all over the county as one of the most conscientious honorable workmen that ever took a job.

We have nothing to say as to the efficiency of Mr Beal, the present contractor, but we want to know if the District has money to burn? That from thirty to sixty dollars more should be paid than it could have been contracted for. Do you say the work could not be done that the specifications (if there are any) called at the bid of either Mr Doyle or Mr Rhea?

What matters that with the officials as they are both reliable men and bonded (or should be) to fill the contract just the same as Mr Beal. It matters not if their bid had only been ten dollars—are you not supposed to deal with them just the same as Mr Beal—put the road up to contract or no pay.

Our idea of the upkeep of a road is not only to keep it in mere passable condition (as it has been for years from Jim Gibson's to Mace) but to do some lasting, permanent work each year, and it can be done for the price paid. What's the use of spending money to put a wheelbarrow load of dirt each year on the first half mile of road running north from Linwood to Mace, about all that has been done by the contractors.

Why not make something permanent all over the district and not put all from Marlinton to Campbellton for the evening boulevardier to get a little fresh air, which they could get if they would get out and do as the old veteran Jehu Trainer advises.

We are not in politics nor a candidate for anything but more honest work and good roads. Neither are we a voter among you but a taxpayer in your county, and we are not alone in our stand in this matter. There must be some wire pulling or something worse in the county seat among the officers in charge. Witness what the Republicans did in turning down the nomination for re-election of Mr McCarty, a worthy, needful and efficient man who tried hard to serve his people faithfully as county clerk, while they have retained a man who has said he did not have to do anything to accommodate a stranger out of office hours, 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Years for more permanent work and the contractor to errn his money.

**GOOD ROADS CITIZEN.**  
This letter was received some weeks ago, and we have investigated the giving out the contract from Linwood to Mace to the highest bidder. In letting the road to Beal at a figure in excess of other bidders, the court was well within its rights under the road law of the State and within the lines of safety as conservative business men, if it believed that better work could thereby be secured on the road in question. Mr Beal had done considerable work the preceding year in a way satisfactory to the road superintendent, and it is the policy of the court to retain all such contractors so long as their work is satisfactory, and to take them in preference to the inexperienced man or one whose work has proved unsatisfactory. Whether this plan has worked to the best advantage in the case of the Linwood-Mace road in question, we cannot say. However, we do believe the policy to be good, and in the long run will be for the betterment of the roads.

have long since ceased to offer to this body and that some other means would have been devised for carrying on the county's financial business, except for the eternal thought that arises in the human breast that given the same job as the other man's, he could and would make a much better fist of it. Hence it is rare that the office of county commissioner begs a candidate. It is true that in recent years the office in this county has rather gone begging among Republican and Progressive candidates, it is said, because it does not pay enough to attract the intelligent, potential candidates belonging to these parties.

The writer's fling at the macadamized road in the directions of Buckeye and Edray is uncalled for. This road in the seasons of 1912, 1913 and this season just fairly commenced has been extended four miles, and still going, much to the satisfaction of the people of the district. As this was the first piece of permanent road to be laid down in Edray district, where would this critic have had this road built except in the most used and populous part of the district and over its worst roads? It is not necessary to show, in the light of the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been spent on dirt roads in this county in the past twenty years, that no work is permanent other than macadam or gravel. Further, who will deny that the average road in Edray district is in as good condition as it was before the court started on its present systematic course of building a mile or more of improved permanent highway each year.

The above letter is printed, not because the Times believes that much of its substance is pertinent to public affairs in this county at this time, but it is our policy to present all sides of the road question, for criticism, whether just or otherwise, is better than cold indifference or self interest as regards the position of every citizen or taxpayer of the county to the county officials.—Editor.

## FOREST RESERVE

Lands just approved by the national forest reservation commission for purchase by the government include 6,083 acres in West Virginia, of which one tract comprising 6,000 acres is situated in Tucker and Randolph Counties in the Monongahela purchase area. This is the Iaine Andrew cutting. The remaining 83 acres are on the Potomac watershed, Hardy county. These lands are to be acquired in accordance with the general policy under which national forests of good size are being built up in the eastern mountains, both north and south, through successive purchases. Tracts are bought within certain designated areas, of which West Virginia has three. The lands just approved by the commission bring the acreage of the Monongahela purchase area up to 42,887 acres and the acreage of that part of the Potomac area lying in West Virginia to 36,405 acres, while the total acreage in the state approved for purchase amounts to 105,480 acres.

Most of the lands approved for purchase today are cut over but the Tucker county tract originally bore a heavy stand of such hardwoods as poplar, basswood, cherry and oak, and it is the expectation that a new stand of valuable young trees will cover the land within a few years.

The lands approved for acquisition by the government for national forest purposes in the east since the purchase policy was inaugurated in 1910 are 1,104,000 acres, having a purchase price of \$5,500,000. About \$2,000,000 of the original appropriation remains available for further purchases in the fiscal year 1915. The lands favorably acted on to date include 133,000 acres in the White Mountains of New Hampshire where 971,000 acres are in various parts of the southern Appalachians from Virginia to Georgia. Nearly 400,000 acres were approved for purchase during the past year at an average price of \$4.96 per acre.

As areas of suitable size are built up by the government thro' successive purchases they are placed under a system of organized administration, with local officers of the government's forest service in charge. The first object is to protect the forest against fire, for the two-fold purpose of steady streamflow and increasing timber production. There is, however, provision for all forms of use of the forests not inconsistent with their permanent welfare as sources of timber and water supplies. Some of the areas are already beginning to yield revenue to the government through the sale of timber which can be removed with benefit to the remaining stand. Eventually it is expected that they will prove excellent investments, besides yielding important public benefits.

## THE ALLEGHENY CLUB

Minnehaha Springs, W. Va.— The beautiful new Club House of the "Allegheny Sportsman's Association" opened on July the first. Mrs. Herndon who has been identified for the last three summers with the White Sulphur Springs as chaperone and hostess, and also with the Brighton Hotel, Washington, D. C. has been installed as manager to look after the comfort of the members, their wives and guests.

The Club House is fully equipped with every modern convenience dear to the heart of man, even when roughing it in the mountains. There is also a wonderful running pool, under cover with constantly running water. The fishing for bass has brought many fine fish to the table and a satisfaction to the men who have spent the day in the streams near the club, catching them.

One is greatly interested by the elk, sixty in number, grazing on the slopes in the enclosure near the club. In fact they are quite tame; not even interested in the automobiles that are constantly coming and going.

Col. Rundolph Stalnaker, of Wheeling, was the first member to register and following him are many prominent people from different parts of the State.

Judge C. S. Dice, wife and nephew are stopping at the club while their bungalow in the pine grove near by is being completed.

C. A. Cabell of Carbon, and W. F. Dunkin, of Bridgeport, have been here since the house opened. They left on Friday and will return for the hunting season which promises to be very fine.

Guy H. Earl of Clarksburg, has also been a successful fisherman during the week. He left in his car for White Sulphur Springs Friday and will return later in the season.

M. N. Wilson of Elkins, is still here. A party from Lost Creek, stopped over last week and were most enthusiastic, not only over the glorious view, but of all the interesting and pleasurable provisions made for the club members and their guests. The party included Geo. W. Watson, A. H. Garrison and A. D. Bassell.

## Board of Equalization.

The Pocahontas board of equalization was in session this week at the courthouse. The board consists of Lee Beard, Jas. A. Reed and R. S. Hickman. Few changes were made in the work of assessors or Gibson and his deputies. The changes made are given below.

**GREENBANK DISTRICT.**  
Brown, James and A. E. reduce 1516 acres to \$3 per acre.  
Heaster, G. J. raise to \$400.  
Hibbits, W. E. 41-40 raise to \$8 per acre.

Jackson, E. H. put on improvement \$200.  
Loury, J. J. and M. F. lot 1 to \$200; lot 3 to \$100; raise improvement to \$100.

Tacy, G. N. lots 4-5 Clayton addition raise lots to \$400 improvement to \$100.  
Wooddell, C. S. W. raise improvement to \$400.

**HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT.**  
Armentrout, W. A. 100 acres raise to \$7 per acre.  
Ginger, George W. charge on personal property books \$300 on building material.

Jordan, Lucy H. improvement \$400.  
Jackson, Mary C. raise improvement to \$300.  
Moore, I. B. and Rebecca C. increase improvement to \$1500.

Moore, Sallie H. raise 50 acres to \$15 per acre.  
McCarty, G. J. 2 lots raise from \$50 to \$150.  
N. C. McNeil 1 lot raise to \$75.

Ryder, Alex. est. raise improvement to \$800.  
Shrader, Geo. H. increase improvement to \$300.  
Walker, Susan M. reduce improvement \$100.

St. Lawrence Boom & Lumber Co. estimate 2696 acres at \$2 per acre.  
**LITTLE LEVELS DISTRICT.**  
Carter, Clevetta, Pearl and Leah 47-27 acres raise to \$12 per acre.

Eagle, J. W. M. 130 acres from \$5 to \$7 per acre.  
Hill, Peter raise improvement to \$2000.  
Ruckman, M. estate 834 acres raise from \$4 to \$5.50.

Wade, W. H. 195 acres Stampington creek raise from \$4 to \$7 per acre.  
Cherry River Boom & Lumber Co. reduce 15,659 acres cut over land to \$3 per acre.

**EDRAY DISTRICT.**  
Elkins, S. B. est. 523, 508, 140, 1207 and 214 acres from \$2 to \$5 per acre.  
McNeill, Clabourne est. reduce 89 acres from \$10 to \$7.

McClintic Mary A. est. reduce 441 acres to \$16 per acre; 22-80 to \$5; 50 to \$3; 90 to \$3; 45 to \$3; 135 to \$4 1/8 to \$5 per acre.  
McClintic, Withrow reduce 45 acres to \$3; 65 to \$3; 6 to \$2 2/40 to \$3 per acre.

Below we give the report of the treasurer of the fire department so that all may see the receipts and disbursements.  
**Cash Donations:**  
Louis Klein..... \$7.50  
J. L. Sheets..... 5.00  
A. R. Smith & Son..... 5.00  
Pat Golden..... 6.00  
S. B. Wallace & Co..... 10.00  
W. A. Bratton..... 5.00  
C. J. Richardson..... 10.00  
J. A. Hoover..... 3.00  
H. M. Burns..... 3.00  
K. & McNeill..... 1.00  
E. U. Hummel..... 1.00  
W. H. Hiner..... 3.00  
L. O. Simmons..... 2.00  
J. W. Malcomb & Son..... 2.00  
C. R. Cook..... 2.00  
H. Kelmenson..... 2.00  
T. J. Mason..... 3.00  
Elwood Shoemaker..... 2.00  
Luther Davis..... 1.00  
M. E. Pae..... 5.00  
Gibson Lumber Co..... 5.00  
N. R. Price..... 2.00  
Rex Kincade..... 1.00  
Marlinton Meat Co..... 2.00  
P. Fames..... 1.00  
G. F. Crummett..... 1.00  
W. Deering..... 2.00  
F. M. Snyder..... 2.00  
Hunter & Smith..... 2.00  
R. B. Slaven..... 2.00  
C. F. Gay..... 2.00  
Bank of Marlinton..... 5.00  
E. M. Arbogast..... 3.00  
Morgan & East..... 2.00  
Harlow Waugh..... 2.00  
J. W. Price..... 1.00  
First National Bank..... 5.00  
R. S. Staton..... 2.00  
J. Hamed..... 2.00  
B. M. Yeager..... 5.00  
G. R. Goodsell..... 1.00  
J. W. Baxter..... 1.00  
J. M. Thompson..... 4.00

Total..... \$134.50  
**Other Donations:**  
Pocahontas Jewelry Co. a \$5 fountain pen and lumber for stands by C. W. Moore. From the horse events a net amount of \$14.85; from all other sources including a donation of 13 cents to make the net proceeds even money a total of \$314.44 or a grand total of \$463.50. The expenses were for Firemen trumpet \$5.50; band and judges stands \$30.00; postage, nails and expressage on trumpet \$2.64; base ball team \$17.35; prize for three-legged race \$2.50; paid on track \$25.; Louis Klein for bunting etc. \$4.85; band \$50.; T. C. Anderson printing \$3.75; T. J. Mason supplies \$26.12; G. F. Crummett \$3.70; W. A. Eskridge rent of room \$1; J. W. Malcomb & Son supplies \$31.66; H. M. Lockridge lumber for fence \$7.52 making a total of \$213.59 which leaves \$250. net gain. The two newspapers also donated free advertising and the department thanks every citizen that helped in any way to make the day a success.

**GREENBANK B. OF E.**  
Greenbank Board of Education met at Greenbank July 6, with J. W. Goodsell, president, J. A. Patterson, and E. N. Curry, commissioners present. J. H. Curry was appointed secretary, and D. L. Sheets truant officer. The schools of the district shall be taught six months; principals of graded schools to be paid \$75 per month, and other salaries as follows—No. 1, \$50, No. 2, \$40, No. No. 3, \$30.  
The following trustees were appointed:  
Greenbank, T. P. Moyers, L. H. Mooman, J. W. Oliver, Deer Creek, J. L. Warwick J. W. Siple.  
Curry—W. W. Cooper, E. A. Hudson.  
Dunmore—C. E. Pritchard, H. M. Moore, J. E. Campbell.  
McLaughlin—Crisis McLaughlin, James Brooks, Will Grogg, Cold Run—G. A. Sheets, Joe McLaughlin, B. M. Gum.  
Cass—W. F. Anderson, G. D. Oliver, J. S. Mathews.  
Spruce—L. S. Bradley, Lewis Collins, T. J. Tabor.  
Oliver—Andy Geiger, J. N. Gum, C. J. Swink.  
Wanless—Allen Galford, C. C. Wanless, H. L. Kessler.  
Hoesterman—Adam Collins, Sam Hoesterman, J. W. Hevener.  
Cherry Grove—J. W. Galford, F. K. Moore, Tom Houchin.  
Boyer Siding—L. Nottingham, A. Nottingham, J. W. Wooddell.  
Hoover—Bud Slavin, W. H. Collins.  
Big Fill—James Colaw, B. F. Gragg.  
Durbin—W. H. Arbogast, Steve Hiner, H. Kisser.  
Burner—W. A. Howard.  
May—O. B. Stewart, J. C. Bennett, C. J. Colburn.  
Wildell—Meritt Wilson, Geo. W. Wilson, J. M. Read.  
Tannery—J. Lawton, M. Great-house.  
Grassy Ridge—W. G. Burner, Banny Burner.  
Bartow—P. M. Yeager, M. Matheny, Willis Burner.  
Thornwood—S. J. Stoner, A. J. Higgins, J. K. Kramer.  
Starks—H. R. Simmons, J. K. Mullenan, P. Simmons.  
Old Lick—H. S. Johnson, Robt. Starks, Sam Starks.  
Spencer—L. Simmons, W. H. Barkley, Jno. Beverage, Top Alleghany—W. B. Freeman, Alva Phillips, Hull Kramer, Buffalo Mt.—K. Elliott, Jas. Phillips, D. L. Kerr.  
Summit—M. W. Simmons, Mr. Moyers, J. M. Wilfong.  
North Fork—S. J. Sutton, O. W. Ruckman, F. C. Sutton.  
Bruffey—J. M. Kerr, Carl Arbogast.  
Oak Hill—Martin Judy, Luster Shears, Odie Freeman.  
Pine Grove—C. Vandevander, J. O. Varner, M. F. Rader.  
Brush Run—Enoch Taylor, Cam Arbogast, W. Waybright.  
Boyer—Dan Ryder, Snoden Tracy, Harry Friend.  
Kerr—J. D. Kerr, J. W. Hollen, C. C. Arbogast.  
Arboreale—James Wenger, D. O. Woods, I. R. Beard.  
Oak Grove—Asberry Sheets, P. L. Williams, J. B. Sutton.  
Wesley—C. M. Gum, Jesse Hudson, Clayton Bell.  
Hillside—Garfield Grimes, Ellis Moore, Frank Taylor.  
Gum Spring—W. L. Nottingham, P. P. Oliver.  
Calthoun—Charles Spencer, C. K. Lantz, Ollie Wilfong.  
Pine Flat—J. A. Galford, A. W. Miller.

## IN MEMORIAN

Jasper J. Aldridge in loving memory of whom these lines are written, was born March 3, 1868, and on the evening of July 2nd, 1914, passed from death into life eternal.

Jasper was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Tilderson Aldridge of Buckeye, and is survived by a devoted wife, mother, two sisters and three brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. In early manhood he was converted and became a member of the Methodist Church, and has lived a consistent christian life. The real beauty of his character can never be conveyed to the mind of the reader by any pen portrait that we can give.

About five years ago he was united in marriage to Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, who is left in deep sorrow.

Jasper had been in failing health for several months, but bore his suffering with patience to the last. In the hour of death he had the consoling joy that his life had not been wasted. He was ready to render up his accounts with joy and not with grief. The Master will say to all such, "Come ye blessed, inherit the place prepared for you."

On the morning of July 5th funeral services were held in the Buckeye church by Rev. J. Herbert Bean, after which the body was borne to the cemetery in charge of the Masons, and there laid to rest to await the call of God. Thus closed a life of beauty and fragrance which will go down through all ages and in eternity will adorn the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It just seems like a dream to think that Jasper has left us, but Oh! it is true he is gone but not forgotten.  
"Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peaceful in thy grave so low, Thou no more will join our number, Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, And in Heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell tears are shed."  
Not now, but in the coming years, It may be in the better land,— We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And then some time we'll understand.  
A. B. D.

## ACADEMY

Cecil Burgess and wife of Roncoveite, are spending a few days with Mrs. W. C. McClune.

The Bank of Hillsboro has bought M. L. Isbell's store building which they will occupy for a while.

Miss Elizabeth Herold was visiting relatives and friends in this community last week.

Wheat is yielding fine. George W. Callison threshed 199 bushels off six acres of ground.

C. H. Dilley is learning to run his car which he bought of Wilbur Clark.

F. H. Darnell has bought "Billie," Thos. McNeel's fast driving horse.

Mrs. E. H. Beard and son are visiting her mother in Strausburg, Va., this week.

John A. Smith, of Charlottesville, accompanied by his daughter Mrs. L. H. Burgess and his grand daughter, of Baltimore, are visiting at G. W. Fuller's.

Good reports are being received from Marshall Fuller in Kansas. He likes the country fine and reports a very large wheat crop.

Frank Hayes has returned from Bolar, much improved in health.

Why not come to the County Sunday School Convention and see how much interest is being aroused. Academy expects to take care of all the delegates that come.

**Pathetic Figure on the Strand.**  
There is an old man who patrols the streets of London daily in quest of a vanished daughter. Few frequenters of the Strand can have failed to observe him. He is a pathetic figure, with his leggings, his top hat, which has seen better days, and the written placard which advertises to the world his mission in life.—London Globe.

**Advice.**  
Don't train exclusively with your own crowd. Give yourself a chance to grow wise by dwelling part of the time with afflicted people who do not think as you do. They will give you useful changes of thought, so that you won't get tired of yourself so soon.—Life.

**Miss the Best Things.**  
A gay, serene spirit is the source of all that is noble and good. Petty, gloomy souls that only mourn the past and dread the future are not capable of seizing upon the holiest moments of life.—Schiller.

**OWN YOUR HOME**  
There's a home for you if you'll only save and bank for it.  
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